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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP: CHECKLIST

REF: (A) GENEVA 4163; (B) GENEVA 4323; (C) SOUTHWORTH-GRIP TELCON

1. THE OUTCOME OF GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL CONSIDERATION OF NEXT STEPS (REF A) WAS TO SET ASIDE TEMPORARILY THE GRADATIONS OF NATIONAL VIEWS WHICH EMERGED ON THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE APPROACH IN ORDER TO FOCUS FIRST ON THE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MAY BE NEEDED IN (A) NATIONAL ANALYSIS AND IN (B) THE PRESENTATION OF DATA BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PERMIT MEANINGFUL PROGRAM BUDGET ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED IN A COORDINATED WAY IN CAPITALS. THE CANADIAN PAPER, TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOW-ON US PAPER (DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF STATE 119089) HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS THE VEHICLES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PURSUING THIS. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR DOING SO IS SET OUT IN REF (B).

2. THE GENEVA GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE JUNE 8 ON AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP BASIS (WITH THE US IN THE CHAIR) TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN AGREED PAPER (A "CHECKLIST" MIGHT BE DISTILLED OUT OF THE CANADIAN PAPER WHICH, FOLLOWING

ADOPTION BY THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL AT ITS AUTUMN MEETING IN NEW YORK, MIGHT SERVE AS A COMMON GENEVA GROUP TOOL FOR CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF PROGRAM BUDGETS IN CAPITALS. MEMBERS EXPECT TO BE IN A POSITION AT THAT TIME TO REACH DECISION ALSO ON THE DESIRABILITY OF SCHEDULING A MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS IN THE FIRST HALF OF JULY TO FINALIZE SUCH A PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING, AND TO CONSIDER US VIEWS (THE US PAPER BASED ON STATE 119089) ON REFORMS WHICH SHOULD BE SOUGHT WITH RESPECT TO PRESENTATION OF DATA BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE TIME IS SHORT, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE WASHINGTON THOUGHTS ON THE SORT OF COMMON ANALYTICAL "CHECKLIST" WHICH MIGHT BE DISTILLED FROM THE CANADIAN PAPER (LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR UNIFORM ANALYTICAL APPROACHES IN GENEVA GROUP CAPITALS TO PROGRAM BUDGETS), AND WE SHOULD HAVE CONFIRMATION, TOO, THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE WASHINGTON EXPERTISE FOR A JULY MEETING (TOGETHER WITH ANY SCHEDULING PREFERENCE). AS TO THE LATTER, THE STIMULATIVE EFFECT OF US INTENTIONS COULD HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE QUALITY OF THAT MEETING AND ITS PRODUCT.

4. COMMENT. WITH THE ILO CONFERENCE BEHIND US BY JULY WE SEE A NEED NOW FOR THE US TO BEGIN TO EXERCISE GREATER LEADERSHIP IN THIS EXERCISE THROUGH TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS SUCH AS MAY BE MADE JUNE 8 AND IN JULY. THE JUNE 8 EXERCISE WILL BE A LARGELY THEORETICAL ONE, WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEED NOT COMPLICATE OUR POSTURE AT THE ON-GOING ILO CONFERENCE, AND IT WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL IF WE COULD TABLE SOME WELL THOUGHT THROUGH IDEAS ABOUT THE ANALYTICAL APPROACHES WHICH FALL OUT OF THE WELL-REASONED CANADIAN PAPER. THIS WOULD PAVE THE WAY NICELY FOR A PRODUCTIVE MEETING AT A MORE EXPERT LEVEL IN JULY AND A USEFUL PRODUCT AT THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL IN THE AUTUMN. WE HAVE BEEN ALREADY (REF B) THAT SERIOUS ANALYSIS ERODES NETHERLANDS' AND SWEDISH RESERVATIONS, AND BELIEVE THAT IT HOLDS PROMISE OF ELICITING SUPPORT FROM OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS WHOSE OBJECTIVES MAY VARY, BUT NOT WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFECT OBTAINED FROM FUNDS EXPENDED.

5. THE MORE FUEL WE CAN BE PROVIDED WITH FOR THE JUNE 8 EXERCISE, THE BETTER PRODUCT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE JULY SESSION AND THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL CONSIDERATION IN NEW YORK IN THE AUTUMN. END COMMENT.

6. GENEVA GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH  
FURTH AT WHO TO APPRISE HIM OF THE ATTITUDES OF  
GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS AS EXPRESSED AT THE MAY 25 MEETING  
AND, WHILE NOT IN A POSITION TO CONVEY AN "INDICATIVE  
TARGET FIGURE" FOR WHO IN THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM,  
WILL MAKE CLEAR THT THE SIPOSITIONIS OVERWHELMINGLY  
IN THE DIRECTION OF LITTLE OR NO REAL GROWTH. THE CO-  
CHAIRMEN WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA  
GROUP (NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN) DO NOT PRESENTLY SHARE  
THIS VIEW, BUT WILL POINT OUT ALSO THAT IMPORTANT  
CONTRIBUTORS TO WHO AMONG THE GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS FAVOR  
ZERO NET GROWTH IN THE BIENNIUM. SORENSON

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